Rs. 196.56 crores respectively and Alliance Air incurred loss of Rs. 71.18, Rs. 56.97 and Rs. 85.00 crores respectively, during last three financial years.

Maintenance of Airports

1409. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the cost incurred on maintenance and upgradation of airports together with the details thereof;

(b) the revenue earned from each airport; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to upgrade more airports into international airports and if so, which airports are to be upgraded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Maintenance and upgradation of airports is a continuous process. During the year 2002-03, Rs. 11736.46 lakhs were incurred on maintenance of airports and Rs. 30603.00 lakhs were incurred on development of airports.

(b) The net revenue (in lakhs) earned by airports during the year 2002-03 is given against the names of airport as Delhi-Rs. 21118.49, Mumbai - Rs. 33564.47, Chennai -Rs. 7467.15, Kolkata - Rs. 2801.54, Bangalore - Rs. 3194.60, Hyderabad - Rs. 1734.91, Goa - Rs. 876.68, Calicut - Rs.570.50, Juhu - Rs. 333.81, Pune - Rs. 373.46, Ahmedabad Rs.16.62. Remaining airports are loss making.

(c) There is a plan to declare Srinagar airport as international.

Upgradation of ILS at Delhi Airport

1410. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the state of the art category III landing system installed at the Delhi Airport for two years now, flights are not permitted to take off or land in foggy/poor visibility conditions, causing long delays to passengers:

(b) if so, the details of fresh steps being taken to further upgrade

the high tech equipment and/ or provide suitable training to the pilots; and

(c) the details of contingency plans drawn up, if any, to reduce delays occurring due to expected foggy conditions during the ensuing winter season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No, Sir. Flights are permitted to land and take-off even during foggy/ poor visibility conditions, provided the visibility is not below 200 meters.

(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no plan, at present, to further upgrade the ILS Cat—IIIA system. Pilots are being suitably trained by airlines to make use of high-tech ILS Cat-IIIA system.

(c) Control Room is set up at Delhi airport. The Meteorology Department will disseminate a trend forecast for next 3 hours to airline operators, Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other aviation agencies. Information on delay to flights due to fog/poor visibility conditions will be relayed through electronic media and FM Channels. Special training has been stipulated for pilots of various operators for landing in ILS Cat-II and Cat-IIIA weather conditions. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has been continuously monitoring the progress of training in order to have adequate number of pilots to meet the low visibility conditions during the ensuing winter season.

Passengers Handled in Airports

1411. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports in the country;

(b) the average number of passengers, these airports handle annually Airport-wise; and

(c) the details of the revenue earned by each of the airport during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) There are 124 airports managed by Airports Authority of India (AAI).